

City Manager Woodard stated she was contacted by Mr. Ricky Sweat, from USDA, concerning the fire truck grant application. He needs to know if the City intends to use the \$100,000.00 grant towards the purchase of a fire truck. The estimated cost of the fire truck is \$875,000.00.

Commissioner Townsend stated he felt the City could not afford to purchase this fire truck, along with hiring extra personnel, at this time.

Commissioner Johnson stated if Rayonier and Wayne Memorial Hospital would divide the costs, the City might be able to afford the fire truck at that time.

Commissioner Nichols made motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson to withdraw the USDA grant application to purchase a fire truck.

All Council present voted yes.

Commissioner Johnson informed Council he had been contacted by a resident who had been issued a \$100.00 citation by Police Captain Luther Hires for having a sofa and dresser beside the road.

City Manager Woodard informed Commissioner Johnson the Recycling Center would accept those items.

Commissioner Johnson stated he thought the resident said the Recycling Center wouldn't take the items, but he would meet with City Manager Woodard to discuss it.

Commissioner Townsend stated he had been chastised about saying something about the Mayor in an open meeting. He stated for the record: The Georgia Sunshine Law Open Meetings Act states any discussion about an elected official must be discussed in an open meeting, not executive session; this was also noted in the executive session at the last regular meeting.

Commissioner Drury stated she was informed in executive session at the last regular meeting, because they are elected, any issues concerning Council members should be addressed in an open meeting; but she wished it be done more professionally in the future in front of the public.

Commissioner Drury appointed Ms. Margie Bland to replace Ms. Mary Ann Collins on the Tree Board.

Commissioner Nichols thanked the City employees for all their hard work, and asked the public to remember them.

Commissioner Townsend rebutted Commissioner Drury's previous statement, and asked her what was unprofessional about what he did.

Commissioner Drury replied the whole situation was handled unprofessionally, not only by him.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer

Commissioner Townsend stated he feels the City has an obligation to approve this request, but is concerned about other citizens who have been denied in the past.

Commissioner Johnson made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to proceed with Option 2 for sewer and the water line extension, not to exceed \$130,000.00.

Commissioner Drury abstained. All remaining Council present voted yes.

Mr. Martin NeSmith thanked Council for their support.

A Public Hearing was held on the request of Mr. McCrary to rezone Map J30, Parcels 63 and 84 from R-2 to P-R.

Mr. McCrary was present and spoke in favor of the rezoning.

No one present spoke against the rezoning request.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance to rezone Map J30, Parcels 63 and 84 from R-2 to P-R.

All Council present voted yes.

Ms. Dorothy Sponholtz was present and asked was the property adjacent to her property, shown on the map as West Plum Street Alley, a City alley.

City Manager Woodard stated it is not an open alley.

City Attorney Leaphart stated the City does not have any interest in an alley until and unless it is opened; therefore an alley does not exist just because it is on a plat.

Mayor Shaw asked Ms. Sponholtz was she requesting the alley be opened or half of the alley be added to her property.

Ms. Sponholtz stated she wants 10 feet of the adjacent alley added to her property.

After much discussion, Commissioner Townsend advised Ms. Sponholtz to make a quit claim deed for 10 feet of the property.

Mayor Shaw stated he would appoint Ex Officio to the Tree Board at the next regular meeting.

City Manager Woodard requested Council increase the volunteer firefighter's pay from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per call.

Commissioner Nichols made motion seconded by Commissioner Drury to increase the volunteer firefighter's pay from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per call, effectively immediately.

All Council present voted yes.

City Manager Woodard informed Council she had been contacted by Harris Real Estate concerning the property adjacent to City Hall being on the market for \$95,000.00.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Absent
Commissioner, Lauren Drury	Present
Commissioner, James Johnson, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Police Chief, Butch Hutcheson	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Hutcheson.

City Attorney Leaphart requested the minutes dated March 04, 2008, be corrected as follows:

Page 2 – City Attorney Leaphart stated the City does not need to be a party of it, nor is it **bound** (not bounded) by the covenant.

Commissioner Johnson made motion seconded by Commissioner Drury to approve minutes dated March 04, 2008, as corrected.

All Council present voted yes.

Commissioner Reddish requested Commissioner DeWitt's previous motion, made during the last regular meeting concerning the Martin Luther King building, be postponed to allow Council time to have a discussion in the scheduled worksession.

Commissioner Reddish made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to postpone the motion on the Martin Luther King building until at least the next regular scheduled meeting.

All Council present voted yes.

City Engineer Bill Shuman was present to report cost estimates on options for extending water and sewer service to the proposed NeSmith-Walker Chevrolet dealership location on U.S. Highway 341 East.

Options for extending water and sewer service to the proposed NeSmith-Walker Chevrolet dealership location are as follows:

Option 1: Proposed East Jesup Master Plan	\$242,500.00
Option 2: Add Small Lift Station near U.S. 341/E. Plum Street Intersection	\$ 86,500.00
Option 3: On-site Septic System & Drainfield (Owner will have to connect to sewer when available)	
Extend 6" Water Line to U.S. 341/E. Plum Street Intersection	\$ 42,500.00*

Extension of the existing 6" water line would have to be included in either sewer option